UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

MIKE WALKER,

Plaintiff,

No. CV-06-0236-MWL

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ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR REMAND

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MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of Social Security,¹

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Defendant.

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The parties have filed a stipulation for remand of the above captioned case to the Commissioner for further administrative proceedings. (Ct. Rec. 23). The parties have consented to proceed before a magistrate judge. (Ct. Rec. 8). After considering the stipulation,

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IT IS ORDERED that the above-captioned case be remanded for a de novo hearing pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Upon remand, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") will: (1) fully evaluate and explain the weight given to the opinions of Michele

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White, Ph.D., and Dennis Pollack, Ph.D.; (2) evaluate the severity

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¹As of February 12, 2007, Michael J. Astrue succeeded Defendant Acting Commissioner Linda S. McMahon as the Commissioner of Social Security. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d)(1), Commissioner Michael J. Astrue should be substituted as Defendant, and this lawsuit proceeds without further action by the parties. 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

of the impairments of borderline intellectual functioning and/or learning disorder and resulting functional limitations; (3) reevaluate the materiality of Plaintiff's drug addiction and alcoholism, particularly evaluating the testimony of the medical expert; and (4) consolidate and consider Plaintiff's application of October 24, 2006 with this matter. The parties may also present new argument and further medical evidence, if such evidence becomes available.

Accordingly, this Court hereby reverses the Commissioner's decision under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) with a remand of the cause to the Commissioner for further proceedings. See Melkonyan v. Sullivan, 501 U.S. 89 (1991).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- 1. The parties Joint Motion to Remand (Ct. Rec. 23) is GRANTED.
 - 2. Judgment shall be entered for the PLAINTIFF.
- 3. An application for attorney fees may be filed by separate motion.
- 4. The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order, forward copies to counsel, and thereafter shall **close** this file.

DATED this <u>26th</u> day of February, 2007.

S/ Michael W. Leavitt

MICHAEL W. LEAVITT

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE